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1. PROPOSED ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE STATEMENTS FOLLOW

PER REFTEL:

A. ARRIVAL STATEMENT

I AM DEEPLY PLEASED TO BE BACK IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA AND TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY ONCE AGAIN TO MEET WITH HIS MAJESTY AND OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SAUDI ARABIA. THE UNITED STATES' SEARCH FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST CONTINUES UNABATED AND THE SUPPORT OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA TOWARD ATTAINING THIS COMMON ASPIRATION HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL AND GRATIFYING.

I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCUSSING WITH HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL THE LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS QUEST FOR PEACE AND IN RECEIVING FROM HIM THE BENEFIT OF HIS ENLIGHTENED VIEWS AND HIGHLY ESTEEMED ADVICE ON THIS ISSUE SO CRUCIAL TO THE WELFARE OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY.

B. DEPARTURE STATEMENT

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I SHOULD LIKE FIRST OF ALL TO EXPRESS MY PROFOUND

GRATITUDE TO HIS MAJESTY KING FAISAL, TO SHAYKH AHMAD ZAKI YAMANI, AND SHAYKH MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM MAS'UD AND THE MANY OTHER SAUDI OFFICIALS FOR ONCE AGAIN HAVING EXTENDED TO US THE ULTIMATE IN GRACIOUS HOSPITALITY DURING OUR SHORT VISIT HERE. I DEPART SAUDI ARABIA AS ALWAYS ENRICHED BY THE VIEWS OF HIS MAJESTY ON ISSUES OF VITAL CONCERN NOT ONLY TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES BUT TO THE WORLD AT LARGE.

WE EXPLORED THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES PRESENT IN SEEKING THE GOAL OF A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST TO WHICH WE COMMONLY ASPIRE. HIS MAJESTY'S VIEWS, AS ALWAYS, REFLECTED HIS DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED AND REVEALED ONCE AGAIN HIS VALUABLE SUPPORT TO THE EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES FOR PEACE IN THE AREA.

AS A RESULT OF HIS MAJESTY'S GUIDANCE, AND OUR LATEST EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A JUST AND LASTING PEACE SETTLEMENT IN THE AREA, I CAN AFFIRM THAT PROGRESS TOWARD THIS GOAL HAS BEEN ACHIEVED, AND SHOULD CONTINUE IN THE DAYS AND WEEKS AHEAD.

WE DISCUSSED ALSO BILATERAL RELATIONS WHOSE CURRENT STRENGTH AND PROGRESS ARE MANIFEST IN THE CONCLUSION OF A TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT IN RIYADH IN FEBRUARY AND IN THE RECENT AND SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED TALKS OF THE UNITED STATES-SAUDI ARABIAN JOINT COMMISSION ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION IN WASHINGTON.

ONCE AGAIN I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND TO MY HOSTS MY HEARTFELT THANKS FOR THEIR KIND HOSPITALITY. I LOOK FORWARD AS ALWAYS WITH PLEASANT ANTICIPATION TO MY NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA.

C. THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR TOASTS IN SAUDI ARABIA.
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